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CIA: Who Watches the Watchdog?

how well it is succeeding, where the office. principal work is being done.

nothing.

World War II, there was no American group of persons unknown," in some intelligence agency; we relied largely nebulous venture to strengthen free trade upon the reports of diplomatic and mili- unions in Europe against Communist During the war, the cloak-and-dagger answering. Office of Secret Services was set up to

the CIA. So in June, 1949, the administ was about to skip the country for Russia. tration obtained from Congress one of the most amazing laws ever put on the is understandably unknown; in common books—Public Law 110 of the Eighty- with intelligence services everywhere, the CIA almost literally a law unto itself.

By this enactment, CIA is made Soviet Russia's first atomic explosion. sempt from all rules of purchasing that Beyond that, nothing can be pinned down. y to other agencies. It may hire and regulations. All provisions of law and account is that CIA has five major dial regulations "relating to the expenditive of government funds" are specifical-to index information, the fifth to evaluate the information and prepare the CIA's without regard to CIVII Service Intle has been omerany disclosure. One disclosure of the organization functions. The organization function is that CIA has five major disclosure of the organization functions. These estimates (originated or disclosure of the organization functions). usclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or mumbers of Approxide Follower as the Bureau of the Director of the Bureau of t

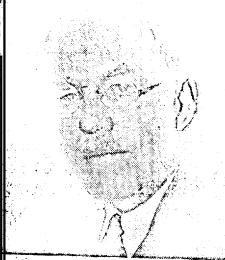
Paccet in Washington, on the grounds of "no reports to the Congress" of CIA's as old mayal hospital there, this nation's expenditures, either lump sum or item-Similar Intelligence Agency directs the ized. CIA spends what it pleases, as it secret and least publicized opera-pleases, "solely on the certificate of the tions of the United States government, director, and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient yougher for the Not even the Atomic Energy Commission be deemed a sufficient voucher for the functions with the secrecy of the CIA; amount therein certified." No ordinary the taxpayers know something of atomic Congressman can touch it; no ordinary research—how much it costs, in general citizen is even admitted to the CIA's

For all the taxpayers know, the CIA Of the CIA, whose expenditures are may be doing an appallingly inefficient reckoned by well-informed observers at job. It may be wasting millions of dollars something in the neighborhood of \$1,000,- in fantastically extravagant and unneces-000,000 a year, the taxpayer knows sary schemes. It may be needlessly duplicating the work of other agencies. It may This almost invisible agency of the be the worst run bureaucracy in Wash-government came into existence in 1947, ington. Westbrook Pegler has made the of as the successor to an unwieldy central flat and unqualified charge that the CIA intelligence "group" that was organized "slipped subsidies of millions of dollars after World War II. By way of back-to the AFL, [David] Dubinsky, the Garing washing to the AFL, [David] Dubinsky, the Garing washing washing the work of other agencies. It may be the work of other agencies agency of the work of other agencies. It may be the work of other agencies agency of the work of other agencies agency of the work of other agencies. It may be the work of other agencies agency of the work of other agencies agency of the work of t ground, it should be noted that prior to ment Workers Union, and a mysterious tary officers, openly gathered at consu-infiltration. This charge the CIA neither lates and embassics around the world. affirms nor denies; it simply evades

From what little has been printed direct American espionage, but this went about the CIA, it is known that the out of existence with the end of hostilities, agency has had its internal difficulties. The National Security Act of 1947, In October, 1947, several employees were creating the CIA, gave the new body fired as "bad security risks." On another some simple—and sweeping—duties. The occasion, Senator McCarthy charged CIA is "to correlate and evaluate intel- (with apparent accuracy) that a pervert ligence relating to the national security, dismissed from the State Department had and provide for the appropriate dissemi-nation of such intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the content of the co nation of such intelligence within the came in for severe criticism when South; the government." By one provision, it is Korea was invaded—to this nation's total specifically directed that the "Director of surprise—in June, 1950, and again the Central Intelligence shall be responsible following Fall when the size of the Chifor protecting intelligence sources and ness Communist intervention was tragimethods from unauthorized disclosure." cally underestimated. CIA was badly cally underestimated. CIA was badly Even the sweeping terms of this en- mouse-trapped last year, when it swalactment were regarded as inadequate by lowed a false tip that Owen Lattimore

The extent of CIA's successful efforts first Congress. This is the law that makes agency never mentions its successes. It is known that CIA had a hand in reporting

at will, without regard to Civil Service little has been officially disclosed. One Of CIA's organization and routine,



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ency for the President and other to icers of the government. They arriv ily at the White House, it is said mmeographed in purple ink and seale in a blue folder. Other, more extensiv estimates are prepared weekly an monthly. These are compiled not mercly from the reports of the CIA's espionage agents — the cloak-and-dagger spies o adventure fiction—but more matter-of faltly from the reports of Foreign Service observers, military and nava elligence officers, immigration offi

cials, narcotics inspectors in far of coners of the world, and employees of the Treasury and Commerce Departments in foreign stations. It has been contacted that about 20 pay cost of CIA's es mated that about 90 per cent of CIA's wdrk is no more secret than a Carnegie t is lying around for anyone to pick

low many employees this world-wide operation involves, how much they are pail, how well they are doing their jobs, whether the jobs are worth doing-to all of these questions, the CIA stands dumb. Of a few executives, some names and skeleton facts are known. The top brass include:

LLEN WELSH DULLES, 59, director of the CIA; brother of the Secretary of State, griduate of Princeton and George Washingtor University, lawyer, in United States diplomatic service, at Vienna. Berne, Berlin, Constantinople, 1916-1926, delegate to international conferences of 1925-'33, attached to 5 in World War II.

HERMAN KENT, 49, assistant director for national estimates; native of Chicago, graduate of Yale and member of Yale's facility (professor of history) since 1928;